

**2012 & 2016 CAMPUS REPORT**

Student Voting Rates for  
University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign

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# About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE). Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, more than 1,000 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014 and 2016 federal elections. Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of nearly 30 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE is a signature initiative of the Institute for Democracy and Higher Education (IDHE) at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, and advocacy.

## About the Data

The voter registration and voting rates in this report reflect the percentage of your institution's students who were eligible to vote and who actually voted in the 2012 and 2016 elections. These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (FERPA-blocked records excluded) and publicly available voting files collected by Catalyst.

Institutional voting rates are adjusted by deducting an estimated number of students identified by each institution as non-resident aliens and reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). For breakdowns by student characteristics, we cannot consistently adjust for students who are non-resident aliens, resident aliens, or undocumented students. This may result in your institution's actual voting rate being higher than we report. To calculate that percentage, and to read more about NSLVE data, see our [FAQ on Campus Reports](#). Please also see [Creating and Maintaining the NSLVE Database](#) paper for a more detailed study methodology.

## Reviewing the Data

Use the following key to interpret the charts:

\* = number of students is less than 10

n/a = no data was collected or calculated for this field.

## What to do next?

- Review the data. This report provides a baseline measure of your students' engagement in democracy in 2012 and 2016, and compares your institution's voting rates to similar institutions. Visit our website for more comparison data.
- Share the report widely and strategically, including posting it online.
- Put your data into practice. Use our IDHE Resources to guide you.
- Address your campus climate for student political learning, discourse, and participation. Start by bringing the IDHE team to your campus or using the IDHE self-assessment rubric available on our website.
- Partner with IDHE. We are available with virtual office hours, webinars, brown bag discussions and in-person trainings.

For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources and upcoming opportunities visit our website: [idhe.tufts.edu](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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Warm regards,  
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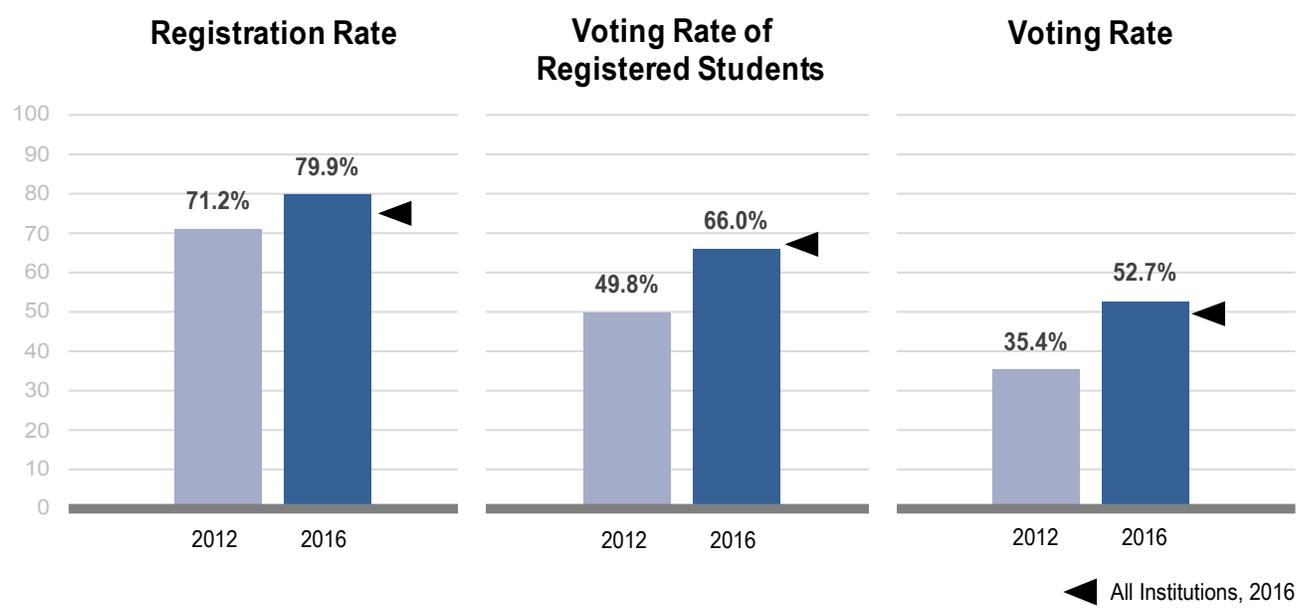
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# Voting and Registration Rates

**2016 Voting Rate**  
**52.7%**

**CHANGE FROM 2012**  
**17.3**

2016 VOTING RATE FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS  
**50.4%**



	2012	2016	Change
Total student enrollment	41,885	46,047	↑ 4,162
Age under 18/Unknown	(180)	(232)	
IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens	(8,278)	(10,469)	
FERPA records blocked	(16)	*	
Total eligible voters	33,411	35,340	↑ 1,929
Number of students who registered	23,776	28,234	↑ 4,458
Number of students who voted	11,840	18,634	↑ 6,794
Registration rate	71.2%	79.9%	↑ 8.7
Voting rate of registered students	49.8%	66.0%	↑ 16.2
Voting rate	35.4%	52.7%	↑ 17.3
Difference from all institutions	-11.5	+2.3	

HOW YOUR NUMBERS COMPARE | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

# By Carnegie Classification

**2012 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**46.9%**

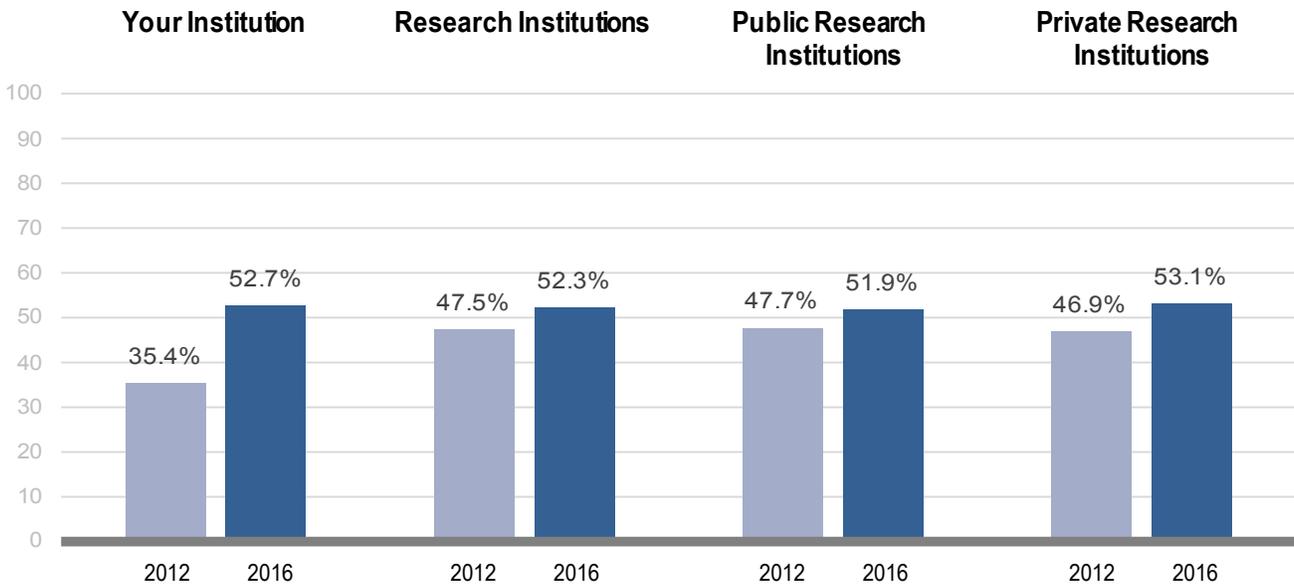
HIGH 72.9%  
 LOW 19.3%

**2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions**  
**50.4%**

HIGH 81.4%  
 LOW 13.1%

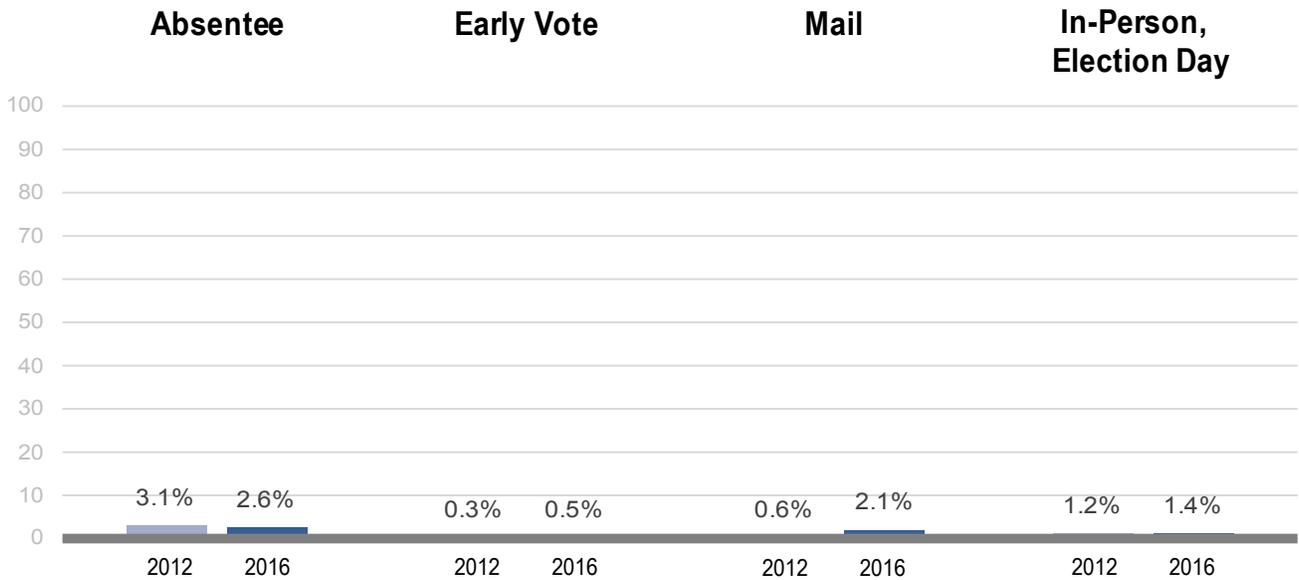
Difference from All Institutions **-11.5**

Difference from All Institutions **+2.3**



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# By Voting Method\*

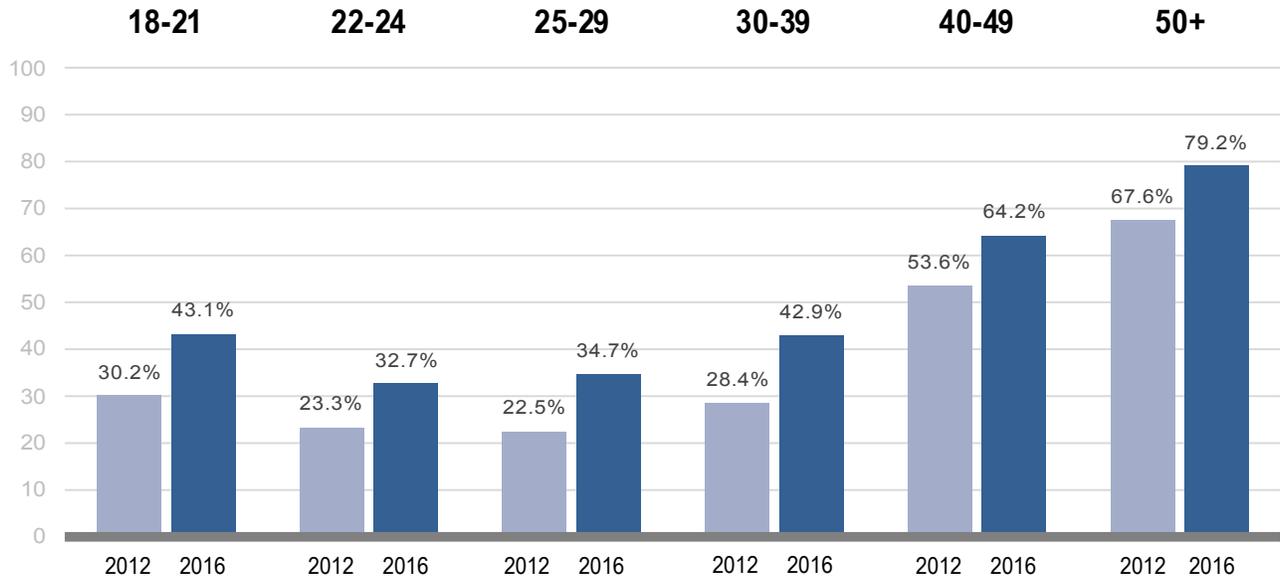


	2012		2016		Change
	Voted	Rate	Voted	Rate	
Absentee	362	3.1%	478	2.6%	↓ -0.5
Early Vote	36	0.3%	94	0.5%	↑ 0.2
Mail	67	0.6%	389	2.1%	↑ 1.5
In-Person, Election Day	146	1.2%	254	1.4%	↑ 0.1
Unknown	11,229	94.8%	17,419	93.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,840</b>		<b>18,634</b>		

\* Your students' data broken down by voting method. If your campus has a high number of voting method "Unknown", it means that this information was not reported by local officials where your students voted.

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# By Age Group\*

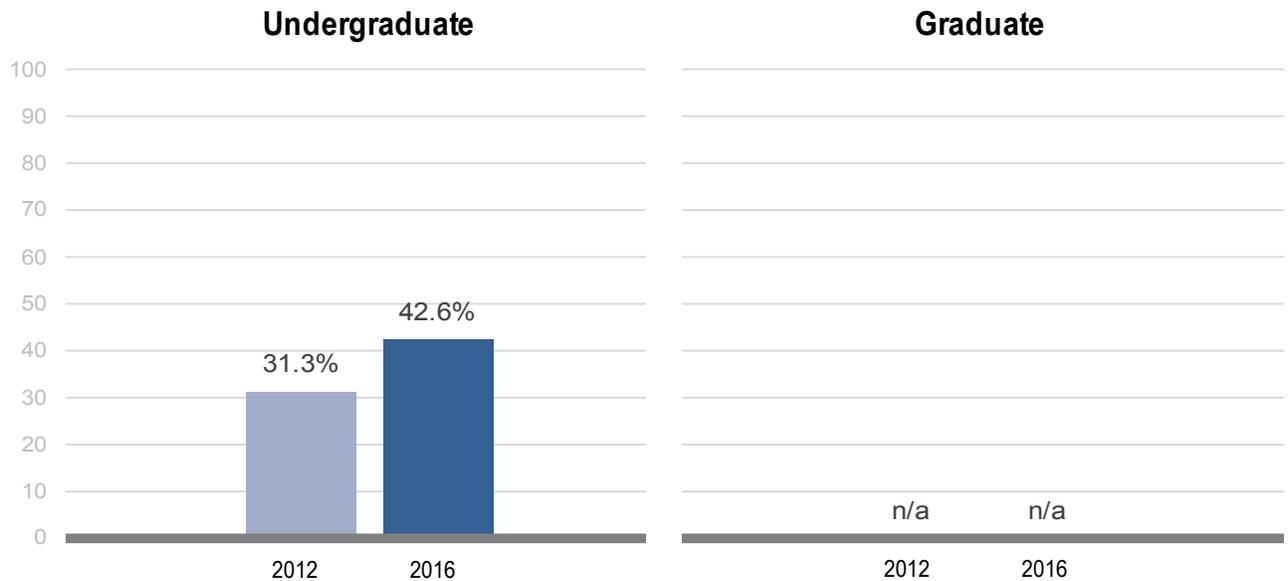


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
18-21	25,251	7,627	30.2%	28,366	12,238	43.1%	↑ 12.9
22-24	8,151	1,898	23.3%	8,605	2,812	32.7%	↑ 9.4
25-29	4,747	1,066	22.5%	5,191	1,801	34.7%	↑ 12.2
30-39	2,719	773	28.4%	2,773	1,189	42.9%	↑ 14.5
40-49	562	301	53.6%	653	419	64.2%	↑ 10.6
50+	259	175	67.6%	221	175	79.2%	↑ 11.6
Unknown	0			0			

\* Your students' data broken down by age at the time of the election. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

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# By Education Level\*

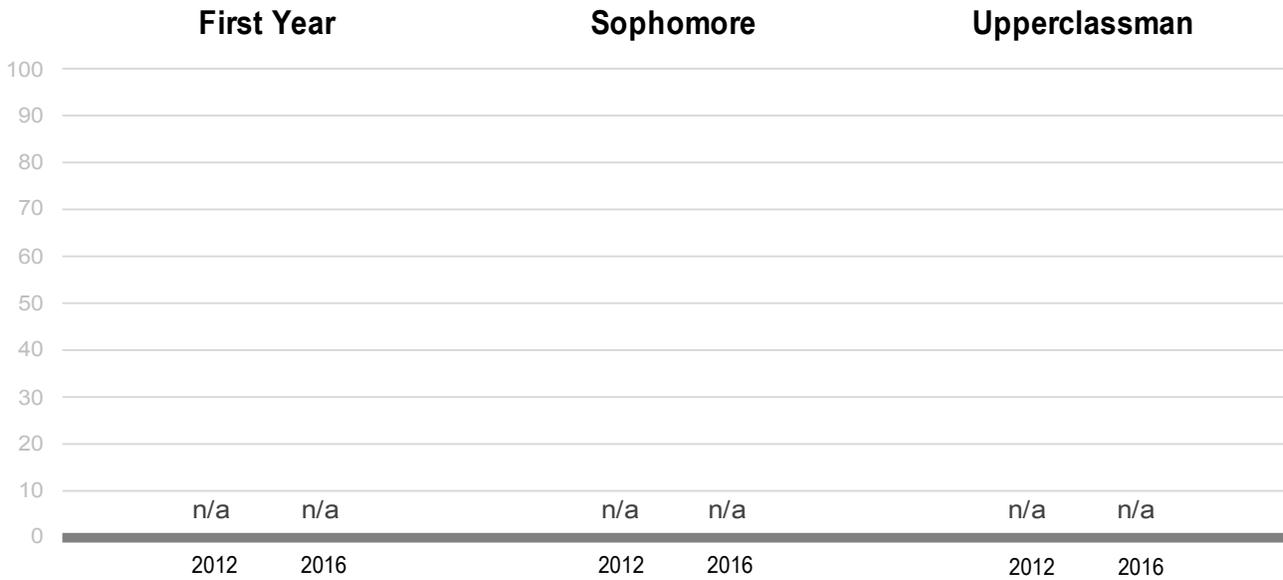


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Undergraduate	920	288	31.3%	32,237	13,719	42.6%	↑ 11.3
Graduate	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unknown	40,769			13,572			

\* Your students' data broken down by undergraduate and graduate students. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

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# By Undergraduate Class Year\*

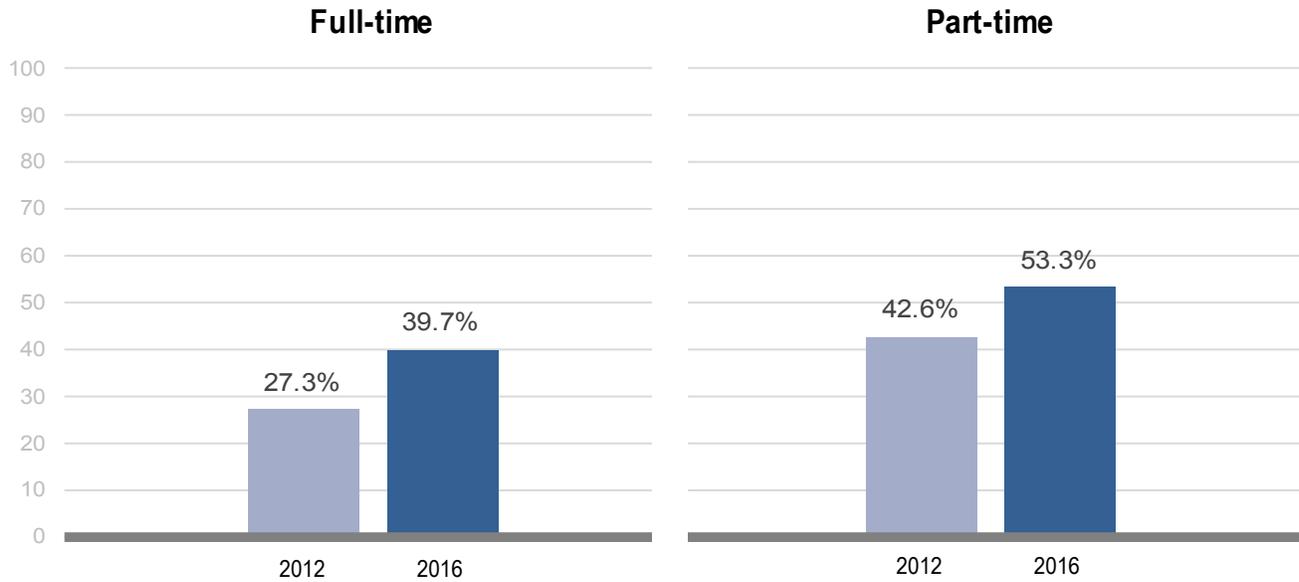


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
First Year	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Sophomore	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a
Upperclassman	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a

\* Your students' data broken down by undergraduate students' class level. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

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# By Enrollment Status\*

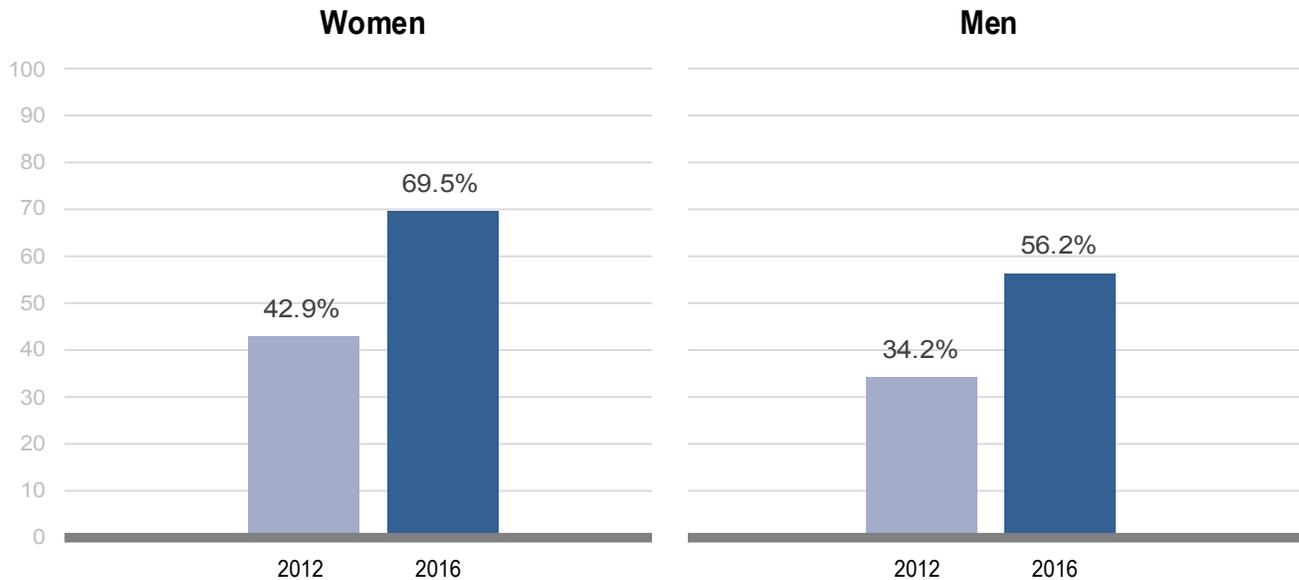


	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Full-time	38,695	10,564	<b>27.3%</b>	42,617	16,934	<b>39.7%</b>	↑ 12.4
Part-time	2,994	1,276	<b>42.6%</b>	3,192	1,700	<b>53.3%</b>	↑ 10.6
Unknown	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	

\* Your students' data broken down by part-time and full-time students. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

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# By Gender\*



	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Women	14,624	6,277	<b>42.9%</b>	14,880	10,348	<b>69.5%</b>	↑ 26.6
Men	16,232	5,547	<b>34.2%</b>	14,677	8,254	<b>56.2%</b>	↑ 22.1
Unknown	10,833	16	<b>0.2%</b>	16,252	32	<b>0.2%</b>	

\* Your students' data broken down by gender. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students.

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## By Field of Study\*

\* Your students' data broken down by field of study. To provide more accurate voting rates, students ineligible to vote because they were too young, students whose age data was not reported to the Clearinghouse, as well as records that were FERPA blocked are removed from this table. Please note that we are not able to adjust these voting rates by removing non-resident aliens, resident aliens or undocumented students. The green and red highlighted values below represent your campus's top three and bottom three voting rates by field of study.

	2012			2016			Change
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	
Agriculture and Agriculture Operations	65	22	33.9%	2,175	937	43.1% ↑	9.2
Architecture	13	*	n/a	847	262	30.9%	n/a
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	18	*	n/a	345	167	48.4%	n/a
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	107	35	32.7%	2,752	1,274	46.3% ↑	13.6
Business, Management, and Marketing	189	51	27.0%	4,746	1,735	36.6% ↑	9.6
Communication and Journalism	65	21	32.3%	1,803	877	48.6% ↑	16.3
Computer and Information Sciences	72	*	n/a	1,945	565	29.1%	n/a
Education	76	41	54.0%	1,756	1,022	58.2% ↑	4.3
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	357	69	19.3%	9,892	3,192	32.3% ↑	12.9
English Language and Literature	12	*	n/a	544	333	61.2%	n/a
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	*	*	n/a	188	97	51.6%	n/a
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	13	*	n/a	410	181	44.2%	n/a
Health Professions	39	11	28.2%	1,807	967	53.5% ↑	25.3
History	*	*	n/a	316	179	56.7%	n/a
Legal Professions and Studies	0	0	n/a	495	232	46.9% ↑	n/a
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	0	0	n/a	3,204	1,367	42.7%	n/a
Library Science	77	40	52.0%	554	373	67.3% ↑	15.4
Mathematics and Statistics	49	*	n/a	1,351	267	19.8%	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	12	*	n/a	499	177	35.5%	n/a
Natural Resources and Conservation	10	*	n/a	344	201	58.4%	n/a
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	52	17	32.7%	1,011	411	40.7% ↑	8.0
Philosophy and Religious Studies	0	0	n/a	105	50	47.6%	n/a
Physical Sciences	49	10	20.4%	1,819	657	36.1% ↑	15.7

Psychology	53	20	37.7%	1,594	842	52.8% ↑	15.1
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	45	26	57.8%	615	395	64.2% ↑	6.5
Social Sciences	93	38	40.9%	2,233	860	38.5% ↓	-2.4
Visual and Performing Arts	0	0	n/a	1,264	580	45.9%	n/a
Unknown	40,211	11,394	28.3%	1,195	434	36.3% ↑	8.0

Thank you for the work you do to improve your students' political learning and engagement. We hope that you find your NSLVE report useful. For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources, and to sign up for our newsletter visit: [idhe.tufts.edu](http://idhe.tufts.edu).

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